

Final Exam Review

Old Testament Historical Books

If you can answer these questions confidently, you will do great on the course's final exam. The final exam will consist mainly of objective questions drawn from these (i.e., multiple choice, matching, true/false, fill-in). Basically, I'm giving you all a chance to get an 'A' on the final exam.

1. Which book is characterized by a downward spiral that's sometimes attributed to not having a king?
2. Which book recounts the transition from rule by judges to rule by Israel's earliest king?
3. Which book narrates and interprets Israel's history to provoke hope that a repentant people can be restored?
4. Which book tells us that a Persian emperor gave permission to build the temple?
5. Which book is set in Persia and doesn't even mention God once?
6. Which book recounts Israel's postexilic history back in the land?
7. Which book has a Moabite heroine who joins Israel and becomes an ancestress of David and Jesus Christ?
8. Which book recounts the conquest of the land after Moses' death?
9. Which book is most concerned to stop Jews from intermarrying with Gentile girls?
10. Which book is quite happy to see a Gentile girl marrying into the Jewish nation?
11. Which book narrates and interprets Israel's preexilic history to explain why it is that the people have ended up in exile?
12. Which book says even the most wicked king repented and enjoyed God's restoration?
13. Which book is devoted entirely to David's kingship?
14. Which book records a battle day when the sun stood still?
15. In which book do Deborah, Barak, and Othniel figure?
16. In which book do Elijah and Elisha figure most prominently?
17. In which book does Ahasuerus figure?
18. In which book do Naomi and Boaz figure?
19. In which book do Eli, Samuel, and Saul figure most prominently?
20. In which book does "the angel of the LORD" or "angel of God" figure most prominently?
21. In which book do Mordecai and Haman figure as enemies of each other?
22. Which book tells us about the proclamation of Cyrus to send people back to Jerusalem to build the temple?
23. What does this passage mean?
At Parbar westward, four at the causeway, *and* two at Parbar.¹
24. Which do 1 Kings and 1 Chronicles differ in their characterization of Solomon's wisdom?
25. In which book does the prostitute Rahab figure?
26. Which book makes the transition from David to Solomon look the smoothest?

¹Just joking!

27. Which book describes the land allotments for each of the twelve tribes?
28. Which book describes the rape, slaughter, and dismemberment of some unnamed Levites' concubine?
29. What was the three-stage order of conquest in Joshua?
30. Which judge was also Israel's priest?
31. Which judge was the son of a prostitute?
32. Which judge got into woman trouble and ended up blind?
33. Which judge was a woman?
34. Who was the riddle-making judge?
35. Which judge told his parents to get him a Philistine girl for a wife?
36. Which judge was Israel's last?
37. Which judge made a foolish vow that cost the life of his daughter?
38. Who was the singing judge?
39. Who was the singing king?
40. What prophet censured David, using a parable to condemn his murderous way of taking a wife from another man?
41. If the psychologist bought a yacht, shouldn't it be a Freudian sloop?
42. Which of David's sons engineered a coup d'état against him?
43. Which leader gave Israel this warning?
¹¹ "This is how a king will reign over you," _____ said. "The king will draft your sons and assign them to his chariots and his charioteers, making them run before his chariots. ¹² Some will be generals and captains in his army, some will be forced to plow in his fields and harvest his crops, and some will make his weapons and chariot equipment. ¹³ The king will take your daughters from you and force them to cook and bake and make perfumes for him. ¹⁴ He will take away the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his own officials. ¹⁵ He will take a tenth of your grain and your grape harvest and distribute it among his officers and attendants. ¹⁶ He will take your male and female slaves and demand the finest of your cattle and donkeys for his own use. ¹⁷ He will demand a tenth of your flocks, and you will be his slaves. ¹⁸ When that day comes, you will beg for relief from this king you are demanding, but then the LORD will not help you."
44. Which king built the first temple?
45. Which leader did the medium at Endor channel for Saul?
46. Which kings merit the highest praise in First and Second Kings?
47. Whom did Samuel rebuke with these words?
 What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.
48. Who sang these words in a funeral song?
²⁵ How have the mighty fallen In the thick of battle—Jonathan, slain on your heights! ²⁶ I grieve for you, My brother Jonathan, You were most dear to me. Your love was wonderful to me More than the love of women. ²⁷ How have the mighty fallen, The weapons of war perished!
49. From which king did God remove his Holy Spirit and send an evil spirit?

50. Which king took wives named Michal, Abigail, Ahinoam, and Eglah?
51. Which eighth-century king presided over a time of repentance after finding a copy of the Mosaic law while doing temple repairs?
52. Which of Judah's kings reinstated Passover celebrations as part of their reforms?
53. Which king conquered the northern kingdom then laid siege to Jerusalem, but had to leave before conquering it?
54. Which book records the dedication of Jerusalem's walls in terms similar to how you would dedicate a temple?
55. What's the Jewish feast that comes out of the story of Esther?
56. Which king is the one of whom God said, "I am sorry that I ever made [him] king"?
57. Which king had 700 wives and 300 porcupines?
58. Which king was a man after God's own heart?
59. Which leader called on God to make the sun stand still?
60. Which leader led Israel to victory over the Midianites and then refused the people's attempts to crown him a dynastic king—but then named his own son *Abimelech*, or "my father is king"?
61. If Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt by day, did she turn into a ball of fire by night?
62. Which leader came back from exile to teach the postexilic returnees the Law of God?
63. Which leader came back from exile to govern the postexilic returnees and rebuild Jerusalem's walls?
64. Where did the Hebrews suffer defeat right after the conquest of Jericho?
65. Which king was so evil that his deeds made the exile unavoidable?
66. Which king's prayer and leadership prompted God to forestall Judah's captivity for another 200 years, just as Assyria was knocking on Jerusalem's gates?
67. Joke time:
Mahatma Gandhi was quite a spiritual person. He walked barefoot everywhere, to the point that his feet became quite thick and hard.
Even when he was not on a hunger strike, he didn't eat much. Over time he became quite thin and frail. Furthermore, due to his diet, he wound up with very bad breath. Therefore he came to be known as a...
super calloused fragile mystic plagued with halitosis.
68. Which king won a bride by paying her father a bride-price of the skin off the private parts of 100 Philistines?
69. Which prophet prophesied a drought and confronted Ahab and his Baal-worshiping wife Jezebel?
70. Which prophet renewed a widow's oil supply, raised a widow's son, purified the Bible school cafeteria's spoiled stew, floated an axe head, and healed an Assyrian general's leprosy?
71. What was the most popular way to come to power as a king in the Northern kingdom?
72. What was the succession order of these three kings in Judah: Hezekiah, Josiah, and Manasseh?
73. Which imperial power captured the northern kingdom?
74. Which imperial power captured the southern kingdom?
75. Which imperial power succeeded the Assyrian empire?
76. Cross-cultural biblical education
In a small Southern town there was a nativity scene that showed great skill and talent had gone into creating it. But one small feature bothered me. The three wise men were wearing firemen's helmets. Totally unable to come up with a reason or explanation, I left. At a Quik Stop on the edge of town, I asked the lady behind the counter about the helmets.

She grumped, “You darn Yankees never do read the Bible!”

I assured her that I did, but simply couldn't recall anything about firemen in the Bible.

She jerked her Bible from behind the counter and ruffled thru some pages, and finally jabbed her finger at a passage. Sticking it in my face she said. “See, it says right here, “The three wise man came from *afar*.””

77. Which imperial power succeeded the Babylonian empire?
78. Which king conquered Jerusalem and exiled its leaders?
79. Who were the eight good kings of Judah?
80. About which king in Judah do Samuel–Kings and the Chronicler reach *opposite* judgments?
81. Who were the two kings in Judah who received unreserved praise?
82. Which people posed the greatest military threat to Israel during the rise of the monarchy?
83. Joke time:

The other day, our three-year-old grandson was saying, “I'm staying away from Egyptians; they suck our your eyeballs.” Seems that he's been quite taken with the IMAX presentation on Egyptian mummies that runs in the St. Louis Science Center.

Kate, his six-year-old sister said, “Oh Jake, they don't do that anymore; that was a long time ago.”

Jake said, “Like when I was only one and a half?”

Kate responded, “No way back, like when Grandpa and Grandma were born!”

84. What can we say about the archaeological evidence for Israel's conquest of Canaan?
85. To which men was Bathsheba married?
86. To which men was Abigail married?
87. What is the meaning of the name Joshua [יהושוע/ *Yehōšūā*]?
88. Who was David's father?
89. Explain the ancestry of David's grandmother Ruth
90. Boaz undertook what obligation for Naomi and Ruth when they came to Bethlehem?
91. Upon whom did God explicitly send an “evil spirit”?
92. What was the nature of Achan's sin that led to the Hebrews' defeat at Ai?
93. Which book has the LXX title *Paraleipomena*, or “Left-Overs”?
94. If a man is unhappy at home, isn't it possible that it's because his wife married a grouch?
95. Which book begins with chapter after chapter of genealogical records?
96. In which book does this verse occur?
If my people, who belong to me, humble themselves, pray, seek to please me, and repudiate their sinful practices, then I will respond from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.
97. In which book does this verse occur?
[David told Solomon], “You know what Joab son of Zeruah did to me when he murdered my two army commanders, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether. He pretended that it was an act of war, but it was done in a time of peace, staining his belt and sandals with innocent blood. ⁶ Do with him what you think best, but don't let him grow old and go to his grave in peace.... ⁸ And remember Shimei son of Gera, the man from Bahurim in Benjamin. He cursed me with a terrible curse as I was fleeing to Mahanaim. When he came down to meet me at the Jordan River, I swore by the LORD that I would not kill him. ⁹ But that oath does not make him innocent. You are a wise man, and you will know how to arrange a bloody death for him.”
98. In which book does this verse occur?
Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.
99. In which book does this verse occur?

- Have a gallows seventy-five feet high built.
100. In which verse does this verse occur?
But when they got up early the following day, Dagon was again lying on the ground before the ark of the LORD. The head of Dagon and his two hands were sheared off and were lying at the threshold. Only Dagon's body was left intact.
101. In which version of the Davidic covenant do these words occur?
I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men.
102. In which book does this verse occur?
An adversary (i.e., *satan*) opposed Israel, inciting David to count how many warriors Israel had.
103. In which book does this verse occur?
He will build a house for my name, and I will make his dynasty permanent.
104. In which book does this verse occur?
The sons of Eli were wicked men. They did not recognize the LORD's authority.
105. Joke time
Recently a CBC student, a pastor, and a CBC professor wound up together at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter informed them that in order to get into Heaven, they would each have to answer one question.
St. Peter addressed the student and asked, "What was the name of the ship that crashed into the iceberg? They just made a movie about it."
The student answered quickly, "That would be the Titanic." St. Peter let him through the gate.
St. Peter turned to the pastor, and, figuring he should know a little more than the student, decided to make the question a little harder: "How many people died on the ship?" Fortunately for him, the pastor had just seen the movie and answered, "about 1,500."
"That's right! You may enter."
St. Peter then turned to the CBC professor. "Name them."
106. Which of the Old Testament books propounds a "God"-less testimony to divine providence?
107. What are the Old Testament historical books called in the Hebrew canon?
108. If you were indicted for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?
109. Probably the best way to break a habit is to drop it—from a high place. That shouldn't be too hard to do since we're lifted to heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
110. Who was Moses' successor as Israel's leader?
111. Who was David's successor as Israel's leader?
112. Why don't we expect to see a heavy burn layer in the archaeological layer associated with the period of Israel's conquest of Canaan?
113. Joke time:
Anna, our grand daughter was worrying, "Grandma's hands are wrinkly."
Julie, our daughter told her, "Well, so do your hand when you stay in the bath very long."
Anaa, said, "Yeah, but Grandma's hands *stay* wrinkly!"
114. Who led Israel in a covenant renewal ceremony at Mounts Gerizim and Ebal?
115. Who led Israel in a covenant renewal ceremony at Shechem?
116. What was the role of Israel's *judges* before the monarchy?
117. What can we say about the authorship of the book of Joshua?
118. What can we say about the authorship of the book of Judges?
119. Are owning an RV and boat a sin? Wouldn't that depend some on where they were parked on Sunday?
120. What can we say about the authorship of the book of Esther?

121. What can we say about the authorship of Samuel–Kings?
122. What can we say about the authorship of Ezra–Nehemiah?
123. Joke time:
 Two priests died at the same time and met Saint Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, “I’d like to get you guys in now, but our computer is down. You’ll have to go back to Earth for about a week, but you can’t go back as priests. So what else would you like to be?”
 The first priest says, “I’ve always wanted to be an eagle, soaring above the Rocky Mountains.”
 “So be it,” says St. Peter, and off flies the first priest.
 The second priest mulls this over for a moment and asks, “Will any of this week ‘count.’ St. Peter?”
 “No, I told you the computer’s down. There’s no way we can keep track of what you’re doing.”
 “In that case,” says the second priest, “I’ve always wanted to be a stud.”
 “So be it,” says St. Peter, and the second priest disappears.
 A week goes by, the computer is fixed, and the Lord tells St. Peter to recall the two priests. “Will you have any trouble locating them?” He asks.
 “The first one should be easy,” says St. Peter. “He’s somewhere over the Rockies, flying with the eagles. But the second one could prove to be more difficult.”
 “Why?” asketh the Lord.
 “He’s on a snow tire, somewhere in North Dakota.”
124. What can we say about the authorship of Chronicles?
125. What verse does Raymond Dillard regard as not only the key verse in Chronicles but even the “‘charter,’ in fact, for the rest of Israel’s history” (Howard 1993, 263)?
126. During the period of the judges, who had access to iron-age technology, which gave them a military advantage?
127. What is the end date for the book of 1 Samuel?
128. What activities are associated with all of the good kings of Judah (Howard 1993, 261–62)?
129. What is the older term for a *prophet*?
130. How does Howard explain “the ‘repentance’ of God” (Howard 1993, 156–57)?
131. How does Howard describe the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the Old Testament (Howard 1993, 154–56)?
132. What were the four elements of the Davidic covenant?
133. What made Jerusalem a good capitol for “all Israel”?
134. Offering story
 At a church meeting a very wealthy man rose to tell the rest of those present about his Christian faith.
 “I’m a millionaire,” he said, “and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I remember that turning point in my faith. I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and had to either give it all to God’s work or nothing at all. So at that moment I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today.”
 He finished and there was an awed silence at his testimony as he moved toward his seat. As he sat down a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said to him: “I dare you to do it again.”
135. Which places the greater emphasis upon attitudes of the heart, Samuel-Kings, or Chronicles (Howard 1993, 264–66)?
136. Which two historical books overlap?
137. Which book makes heavy use of irony and satire?
138. What is the last event in the book of 2 Kings?
139. The strong “Deuteronomistic” influence extends through what books of the Old Testament?
140. Where did the Phoenicians live?

141. Where did the Philistines live?
142. Which places the greater emphasis upon prayer, Samuel–Kings or Chronicles – Ezra/Nehemiah?
143. What were the names for the northern kingdom, as opposed to Judah, the southern kingdom?
144. Ahasuerus was a king in what empire?
145. Nebuchadnezzar was a king in what empire?
146. Darius was a king in what empire?
147. Sennacherib was a king in what empire?
148. Joke time:

One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her small boy into bed.

She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, “Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?”

The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. “I can’t dear,” she said. “I have to sleep in Daddy’s room.”

A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: “The big sissy.”

149. With which character(s) from Israel’s earlier history does the Chronicler compare Solomon?
150. How does Howard define the sources used by the Chronicler (Howard 1993, 238–43)?
151. Which parts of David’s life does the Chronicler omit, although it can be found in the accounts of First and Second Samuel?
152. In which books do we begin to see hints of the *canonical* principle?
153. How do the two statements of the Davidic covenant differ (2 Sam 7; 1 Chr 17)?
154. Which prostitute hid the Hebrew spies when they reconnoitered Jericho before their attack?
155. List the Old Testament historical books in their order in the Protestant canon.
156. *Extra Credit* (10 points): Explain how it is that Old Testament historical books can be “useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Tim 3:16f.)
157. *Extra Credit* (10 points): Explain and illustrate the differences between Samuel–Kings and Chronicles.
158. *Extra Credit* (10 points): List the kings of Judah in their proper order.
159. *History Review for Ordination Exam*

Sam, who knew very little about the Bible, because he only had an Evangel University degree, was up before the council to be ordained.

One presbyter asked him, “Sam, what part of the Bible do you like best?”

“Well, Sir,” said Sam, “I like the New Testament best.”

“What book in the New Testament?”

“What book in the New Testament? Which one?” Sam stalled. “Oh, I think it’s the book of parables Brother Jones.”

The district secretary’s head came up, and he asked, “Would you kindly relate one of those parables and explain what it means?”

Poor Sam was up against it, but there was a *possibility* that the presbytery knew no more than him about their Bibles, since they were only AGTS graduates. So he decided to make a bold attempt and proceeded as follows:

Once upon a time, a man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among thieves. And the thorns grew up and choked that man. And he went on and didn’t have any money, but he met the Queen of Sheba, and she gave that man—she gave that man... brother Jones, a thousand talents of gold and silver and a hundred changes of raiment.

And he got up in a chariot and drove furiously, and he drove under a large oak tree. His hair got caught in one of its branches, and he was left hanging there. Yep, he was just hanging there. And he hung there forty days and forty nights, and the ravens brought him food to eat and water to drink.

And one night, his wife Delilah, she came along and cut off his hair. And he dropped and fell on stony ground. And it began to rain, and it rained forty days and forty nights, and he hid himself in a cave.

After the storm, he went on and saw a man that said, "Come and take supper with me,"

But he said, "I can't come, because I have married a wife."

So the man went into the highways and byways and compelled him to come in.

Finally he went on, and he came to Jerusalem. And he saw the Queen of Sheba sitting high up in the window. And when he saw her laughing at him, he said, "Throw her down out of there."

And they threw her down seventy times seven times. And the last state of that woman was worse than the first. And of her fragments they picked up twelve baskets full.

Now who's wife will she be in the day of judgement?

And there was no one on the presbytery who felt qualified to question the candidate any further.

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